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Season's Greetings

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Prize Essay Topics Assigned by Marsh

Variety of Subjects Included in List

Professor Willard B. Marsh recently announced the subjects for the essay and oration competitions which annually reward enterprising students with prizes ranging up to $200 for original work on assigned topics.

Students of political science might well be attracted by three of the essay subjects: *The Electoral College, Intent and Practice; Abraham Lincoln, Political Campaigner;* and *Public Opinion Polls: 1936 and 1948.*

Other Subjects Included

There are also essays and orations dealing with music, economics, journalism, military affairs, the movies, and religion. "The timeliness and comprehensive interest of subjects should certainly call forth a great number of contestants, for the competitions not only offer the student a chance to gain some remuneration, but also a chance to undertake a project of real scholarship," Professor Marsh stated.

Complete List Published

The complete list of subjects and scholarship names are printed below for your information. Detailed regulations governing the preparation and submission are posted in the Library and Root Hall. Professor Marsh invites questions and problems concerning both topics and the undertaking of papers.

Dean Alfange Essay Prize
The Electoral College, Intent and Practice.

Cobb Essay Prize
The American Press and Elections

Cunningham Essay Prize
Abraham Lincoln, the Political Campaigner

Major Arnold H. Golding Memorial Prize
The Contribution of American Fiction to Racial and Religious Understanding in the Past Decade

Head Prize Oration
The Literary, Historical, and Religious Significance of Wycliff's Translation of the Bible

Kellogg Essay Prizes
Juniors, The Poetry of T. S. Eliot; The Movies and the Race Problem
Sophomores, The Comic Strip as an Index to American Culture; The Growth of Symphony Orchestras in the United States

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The Honor Court has appointed Robert Lipgar, one of the Senior representatives to that body, filling the position to be vacated by the graduation in February of Charles Reeves, it was announced in Chapel Assembly on Wednesday.

Lipgar will take office on January 26.

Debate Close; Novice Division Featured Here

The debating teams from Champlain, Colgate, Hamilton, Syracuse, and Utica, participated in the conference for novice debaters on the Hill last Saturday. The group met at 10:30 A. M. in the Chapel where they were greeted by Dean Winton Tolles and Student Chairman Elliott Howard. Howard outlined the day's schedule and explained that the purpose of the conference was to give novice debaters an opportunity to debate.

Each of the three rounds consisted of five separate debates held simultaneously in various locations on the campus. The chairmen and timers for the debate were members of the Hamilton College Debate Society. Faculty advisors of the teams acted as judges for the debates in which their respective teams were not engaged.

At the conclusion of the final round, the entire group assembled in the Chapel where Howard announced the results of the conference. Champlain had the highest score with four wins and two losses, and Colgate, the lowest with two and four. Hamilton, Syracuse, and Utica were tied with three wins and three losses each. Professor Willard B. Marsh addressed the group briefly at the close of the day's activities.

The subject debated was *Federal Aid to Education.* Speaking for Hamilton were Frank Jewell and Francis Musselman on the negative team, and Sigmund Hellman and Peter Singer on the affirmative team.

CAROL SING

An all college Carol Sing and Christmas Party will be held in Commons Sunday evening after the regular Chapel service. The program is being sponsored by the Chapel Congregation, and is open to all members of the College Community. After the singing, refreshments will be served.

Dean Wicks will preach a Christmas sermon at the Chapel service.

Local AAUP Queries Rudd

A discussion of college and faculty financial problems, led by President Thomas Brown Rudd, highlighted the December meeting of the Hamilton Chapter of the American Association of University Professors last Monday in the Baker Memorial Room.

President Rudd, appearing as a guest of the chapter, answered questions from the floor and outlined some of the difficulties facing colleges today.

The principal question discussed was that of the decline in the proportion of the college dollar spent for instructional purposes. At Hamilton in the year 1947-48, President Rudd pointed out, 30% of the college budget went for faculty salaries, compared with 39% in 1927-28. He attributed this drop almost wholly to increased costs for building, maintenance, and repairs, and growth in the administrative branch of the college.

President Rudd noted that this is a general trend and that Hamilton's records compare favorably in this regard with those of other colleges. In view of the indispensable nature of such services as plant operation and maintenance, regardless of cost, no practical solution to the "instructional budget problem" is immediately apparent.

Carnival Chairman Announces Events

Selection of Queen, Athletics Featured

Robert D. Belden, chairman of the Winter Carnival Committee, stated in an interview earlier this week, that "the 1949 Winter Carnival events, including athletic events, promise, even at this early date, to be the best that the College has ever seen." He added to his statement about the athletic events that "the teams we will be playing in basketball, hockey, and swimming are among the best on this year's schedules."

Belden announced that the old Jimmie Lunceford orchestra, under the direction of Eddie Wilcox, will head the list of big name entertainers appearing over the weekend of February 11-13. He stressed the fact that the Lunceford outfit has a national reputation for playing good dance music. Belden credited Gordon Smith, a member of the Committee in charge of music, with procuring Wilcox as well as signing up the musical entertainers for the rest of the weekend.

Friday's Calendar Full

The weekend will get underway at 7:30 Friday night with the traditional "Hacker's Hockey Game" in the Sage Rink. By invitation of the Committee, "anyone who can't skate is welcome." At 8:30, the Blue basketeers will meet R. P. I. in the gym. A square dance will be held in Soper Hall of Commons after the game, with a band from Richfield Springs.

Between the halves of the basketball game, a professional authority on models from New York City will choose five or six finalists from a group of Carnival Queen candidates representing all of the houses on the Hill. The Queen will be crowned at the dance on Saturday night by Marilyn Hughes Smith, last year's Queen, from Syracuse, New York. The Queen's attendants will include the rest of the finalists.

Saturday's Formal 10-2

Saturday at 11:00 A. M. the snow sculpturing will be judged, and at 2:00 P. M. a swimming meet with Niagara University will be held in the gymnasium. Rounding out the afternoon's entertainment will be an all-college beer party at the Psi Upsilon house. Bob Sittig's orchestra, and a singer whose name is to be annouced later, will provide the music. Saturday evening's program includes a hockey game with Victoria University and the formal dance from 10:00 until 2:00.

Robert Bauer is in charge of the ticket sales, which will be made through house and dormitory representatives. The cost for the weekend's events will be $6.00 as compared with $7.20 last year. Housing for dates will be arran-

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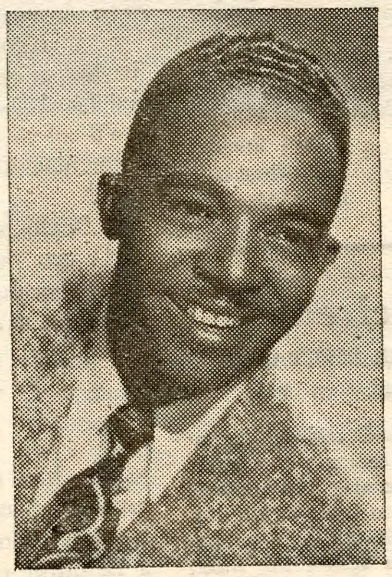

Eddie Wilcox

Carnival Band Led by Wilcox

Eddie Wilcox will direct the famous Jimmie Lunceford orchestra in their appearance on the Hill at the Winter Carnival formal, February 12. Wilcox succeeded Jimmie Lunceford as director of the band after the latter's death.

They had been close associates since their days at Fiske University, and together they had developed the Lunceford band to a position of national fame with such numbers as *Rhythm is our Business,* which Eddie arranged, *My Blue Heaven, Best Things in Life Are Free,* and *Blues in the Night.*

Eddie's past record had qualified him well to take over as director, and he has been called "a brilliant wizard of the piano" and acknowledged "one of the greatest arrangers in the history of modern music". He leads an aggregation of original Lunceford members plus several new, talented musicians.

Holiday Story: Hamilton Style

Christmas vacation is at hand. Letters are being written: "Dear Mom, Please do my Christmas shopping for me. What with all the hour tests, term papers, and stuff, I just haven't....." The Dean's Office has sent a rush order to the printer for an additional supply of excused cut cards. Anyone living farther away from College than Art Cunningham's is trying to get two days. The Library has been preparing the campus for weeks — they began decorating even before Macy's. *Silent Night* has replaced *Bringing in the Sheaves* as a barroom favorite.

But still no snow. Hockey or no, it still is a welcome relief for some that the white stuff has held off this long. Of course, the puck-and-stick enthusiasts are praying for snow and cold, and the visitors from warmer climates still profess expectation, but the Hillmen who weathered the blizzard of '47 are not-so-calmly giving up thankful prayers that December has been left uncovered so far.

The most vociferous dissenter, however, is the Clinton merchant who played it smart and procured 17,438 fur-lined beer mugs for the expected cold winter ahead. He reasoned, and rightly, that with ice and snow coming to the Hill the breakage of existing mugs would be tremendous. Have you ever tried to carry two pitchers of beer, three mugs, and your date across the campus in seven feet of nature's best precipitation? Usually before you have progressed from the Sig bar to the DU house something is broken —and more often, if it isn't your date's funny bone, it happens to be one of the beer mugs.

So the Clinton vendor pulled a fast one. Available in 16 amazing shapes and 26 delicious colors, the beer mugs were sure to go like Utica Club at a Sophomore beer party. Or so the crafty mug-dealer thought. Alas, he hasn't made a sale so far this season. (Anyone interested in a fur-lined beer mug CHEAP is urged to hurry down Hill before they're all gone. Adv.)

Students are making their usual last minute preparations. Clothes that never before saw the inside of a cleaning shop are being whisked to the Modern Tailor. Poker games settle the "do-I-hitch-hike-or-catch the-train" problem. Mr. Gaffney reports a run on shoe polish in the College Store. Old suitcases and date books are being dusted off. The Freshmen are frantically trying to break their habit of swishing any glass containg liquid. Professors are furtively eyeing campus fir trees.

Christmas is at hand. But where's the snow?

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Spectator Criticized

A List of Grievances Against THE SPECTATOR
(Prepared by The Student Council, Dec. 1948)

Students' widespread indifference and criticism has agitated The Student Council toward calling to the attention of the Publications Board the fact that **The Specratots of generally poor quality as a school newspaper: it is neither accurate nor literate. The following is in no way a complitte list of popular grievances against the sheet; rather it is merely a listing of the more blatant and therefore especially memorable instances of error and bad taste evidenced within recent months.

(1) Inaccurate and Irresponsible Reporting:
- a) Dr. Cameron's letter in the current issue attests to strong feeling against two-instances in-particular of "arm-chair reporting".
- b The proposed amendment to the Honor Court Constitution was incorrectly quoted.
- c) Pentagon's specific request to remain anonymous as regards the complaint about Infirmary Fees was not honored.
- d) Mr. Everett Clarke's Community Fund performance was reported as taking place in the Chapel, instead of Commons, the correct location.
- e) The photograph of an utter stranger was reported to be a picture of Oren Root, Jr.

(2) Complete lack of Proper Organization: (an almost total absence of clearly-defined and properly-delegated authority plainly hampers whatever attempt is made toword producing an adequate newspaper for Hamilton College: such absence of clearly-defined and properly-delegated authority does, of course, prohibit placing of responsibility): Every single issue of **The Spectator** bears great evidence of little or no proof-reading.

(3) Illiteracy:
- a) The editorial on poor service in The Back Room called for the ousting of the manager on grounds that he was "disinterested" when the writed obviously meant "uninterested".
- b) Much ungrammatical writing on every page of every issue.

4) Plain Bad Taste:
W. R. Hutchison's column in ridicule of Louie, the janitor of South Dorm, which appeared in the issue of October eighth.

The Student Council expresses the hope that the editors of **The Spectator** will accept these criticisms in the light in which they are offered and do their utmost to correct these errors in order to produce a worthier newspaper.

The editor of **The Spectator was** pleased to find upon investigation that although the Student Council favored the appointment of a committee to prepare a "A List of Grievances", the entire Council did not approve the above report before it was presented.

That sections (1) and (3) of the report are accurate, and apparent to anyone who has been reading **The Spectator,** is unquestionable. Errors have been made and will continue to be occurring in newspapers the world over. The best that any editor can do is to redouble his efforts to see that errors are eliminated and that writing is clear and grammatical.

Why the editor was not asked about section (4) when the article appeared and why he was not conferred with before any such "List of Grievances" appeared in the first place are questions still to be answered.

That section (2) is highly insulting to all editors of **The Spectator** is only too obvious. Perhaps those who concur with the above report would like to join the editors of **The Spectator** in seeing one week's issue off to press; it might even be revealing to discover how much real work and valuable time go into the editing and publishing of **The Spectator** each week. Certainly no one can criticize **The Spectator** for lack of proper organization without more investigation and explanation than has thus for been made.

The Prattler

by Michael Twomey, Jr.

Frustrated!! Me? Of course I'm frustrated!

But why all the talk? Why all the excitement? Why all the tests, conferences, guidance? And not only these things, but in the mail before last I am initiated to the final blow. I receive a questionnaire on the personality of a guy, like myself, who is also at Hamilton and frustrated. I wrote, "This poor guy is a complete fool," on the top and sent the thing back.

This psychoanalyzation routine reaches its height at college, even at Hamilton. I've been watching some of the more interested teachers at work in the classroom. The professor craftily poses a question, looks about the room, and directs it to John Goszgotchowitzh. John is slumped over his desk, quietly puking. "I dunno," he manages to answer. Immediately, one can see the professor formulating a case in his mind — 'a regression complex resulting from an aggressive personality which has been frustrated. Mmm, I'll arrange for consultation.' The obvious answer — a hangover.

If a guy is an introvert, he has to be brought out; an extrovert, he has to be quieted down. If he is inhibited, he has to be exhibited; exhibited — prohibited. If this pace continues until the year, 2000, we'll all be the same. We'll have the same likes, dislikes; wives and kids; blue suits and black knits. Isn't it bad enough on Saturday night, now?

Really, if your father were a blacksmith and your mother a horse, don't you think you'd have complexes, too? So, how about it? Why not let us degenerates degenerate in peace? Myself, I enjoy having no character. It's my only pleasure in life.

Review of "Messiah"

by Laurence H. Wilson

Hamilton College and a large number of local guests were privileged last Monday evening to hear a beautiful performance of Handel's *Messiah*. The singing of this great oratorio, probably the most ambitious musical event ever attempted on the Hill, held the large audience completely enraptured from the beginning of the overture until the final *Hallelujah*. Mr. Shute, the College Choir, and the Utica Oratorio Society, and the members of the Orchestra may well be proud of this contribution to the cultural life of the College community.

The choruses were all truly magnificent. Despite fears that there had been insufficient practice, the two choirs combined to give a thoroughly satisfying performance. If it may be said without detracting from the others that any one chorus was better, the first, *And the Glory of the Lord,* was the best.

Monday's concert was kept from being great only by the inferior performances of the soloists. Chief offenders were the contralto, Katherine Lockner, and the bass, Leon Lishner. Miss Lochner's singing was so devoid of dramatic feeling that one began to wonder if she had any idea of the meaning of the words she was singing. Mr. Lishner's voice frequently became harsh in the upper register, and in the runs of such arias as *But Who May Abide the Day of His Coming* and *Why do the Nations so Furiously Rage Together?* he seemed incaple of sounding each note, merely slurring over phrase after phrase.

At any rate, the soloists cannot be blamed on either the choir or the conductor, to both of whom the College owes a vote of thanks for their excellent work Monday evening.

Comments On "Rulers of Men"

by John E. Campion

The Hamilton College Community Fund presented Everett Clarke in a series of monologues under the title, *Rulers of Men,* on Wednesday evening, December 8.

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Mr. Clarke's performance was a disappointment. Except for a few flashes of brilliance, notably in the Disraeli offering, and the elaborate and beautiful costuming, the show was dull and poorly executed. The rows of empty seats after the intermission bore mute testimony to Mr. Clarke's failure to entertain.

I think that it can be said that the disappointment or failure (choose the term you think most suitable) could be considered from three different aspects.

It was, of course, obvious to all who attended the Clarke show that the Soper Hall of Commons is a very poor substitute for an auditorium. Words and phrases resounded around the room and were lost in the darkness of the kitchen. The method of opening and closing the curtains was extremely distracting and could have been remedied by a simple system of pulleys.

The performance, itself, is the second aspect of the disappointing evening. It struck us that this sort of performance might be suited to a radio broadcast. The show certainly needed a better selection of music ("Hollywoodish" is the worst adjective that we can think of to apply to Clarke's choice of music), as well as a vastly improved script (we found the final scene, the *Man of the Future* episode, one of the most painful we've seen in a long time). The writing was vague, confusing and wordy; the performance comparable to a bad grade "B" melodrama. The pathos of David the brilliance and wit of Disraeli, and the righteous anger of Wilson were the high points of the evening, but they stood out in bold relef against the otherwise dull and turgid performance.

But the greatest failure of the evening was the financial one. About 170 persons attended at $1.-

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by W. R. Hutchison

The December meeting of the Hamilton College Faculty scheduled for 4:30 PM on Wednesday the 15th was called to order at 4:55 PM. President Rudd commended the members on their promptness, and asked for continued cooperation in that line.

A good-natured hiss greeted the late arrival of the Professor of Philosophy, and Professor Rudd emitted a spirited "Hail to thee, Blyth!" Messrs. Ristine, Nesbitt, and Johnston applauded wildly.

Mr. Hunt moved the previous question.

The Dean of Students, aroused from a deep slumber by the sounding of five o'clock, asked what bell was ringing. Professor Rudd answered that it was "the curfew, Tolles, the knell of parting day."

Messrs. Ristine, Nesbitt and Johnston were moved to tears.

Mr. Hayner thereupon rose to a point of order. After brief prefatory remarks, he stated that "there is a time and a place for everything." The President asked that this be put in the form of a motion. After lengthy deliberation, the matter was tabled.

Professor Mattingly asked for a clarification of Faculty policy on use of the ablative.

Mr. Tolles requested a report from the Special Committee on Cutting. The one committee member in attendance announced that the chairman and the other four members were in the infirmary, he thought.

The Standing Committee on Faculty Spirit, Mr. Marsh chairman, reported that a beer party had been planned for the night before Christmas vacation. Professor Lake interrupted to ask that Mr. Marsh enunciate more clearly.

Professor Hunt moved the previous question.

President Rudd, in a closed report on Trustee attitudes, stated that there is a growing feeling among that body against the practice of carving initials in the council table during faculty meetings.

Professor Hunt demanded recognition.

Mr. Durham suggested that ΨΠΣΑ ΦΣΓ ΘΑ ΧΦΓ ΔΟ!!?&!

The matter of observing Christmas was discussed. Mr. Wicks argued that the holiday is an outmoded custom of little value and no significance. This statement was drawn up as a resolution and was approved by all of those present except Mr. Count, who was engrossed in a book and did not vote.

Professor Hunt demanded recognition, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Respect. . . a Pleasure

by Mr. W. Wallace Aitchison

The reach that exceeds the grasp demands respect, not cavil. And respect for the Charlatan production of *Macbeth* comes as a pleasure, not a kindness.

First of all to Dwight Carter and Sonia Grant. Both spoke their famous lines with natural ease and expert clarity. Both projected the blend of terror and pity that attends the deepening of their plight. Whether facing his deeds, his wife, or his doom, Mr. Carter was keenly perceptive. By the composure of his bearing he preserved throughout the defeated nobility of Macbeth's character. Mrs. Grant portrayed the crack-up of the superlady with just the hint of undefeated tenderness to make her deranged off-stage deathbleat convey its icy tremor. They were both squarely centered within the poetry of their lines. That takes concentration enough and condones the one shortcoming worth mention: that had they at times "mixed it up" a little more, the "jointness" of their partnership would have come across more forcibly.

Only the witches have a good time in *Macbeth.* Without aid of recorded winds and thunderclaps, Charles Weinberg, Henry George, and Lee Voyce gleefully curdled their black hearts in their mossy beards and blended their cackles in eerie harmony.

Costumes and settings for such a production inevitably suggest the wisdom of doing without. Special praise must go to Professor Parker's montage embodiment of Dunsinane hill, but even this could hardly relieve George Doyle's entry into mortal combat in a gown that would have hung less loosely and more appropriately on Helen Traubel.

Letters to the Editor

Editor of the Spectator:

Last week in a letter to the Edito-, Mr. G. Harvey Cameron took me to task for what he calls "arm-chair journalism" in connection with an article which I wrote about preparatory school athlete-students in the November 19 issue of the Spectator. After a great deal of thought and sobering influence I have decided that Mr. Cameron has a legitimate gripe against me, at least in the face of the article. Mr. Cameron's reaction to the thoughts contained th rein was in accordance with his knowledge of the facts behind those thoughts. I wish now to present my side of this "delicate" problem.

I did not imply that recruiting in preparatory schools had been overlooked. I am and was at the time, fully aware of the time problem which exists in the Admissions Office. In the article I was stumping for a full-time representative who would be on the road most of the time in Hamilton's cause. I suspect that the cost of such a venture makes it prohibitive at this time.

In the second place, without taking a trip to Mr. Bennett's office I assumed, and naturally enough, that he is in constant contact with the alumni who teach in preparatory schools. BUT I am mostly concerned with all of the Alumni and the potential they hold as "agents" for the College.

In the third place, we can compete with the New England tradition if we have a full time representative on the job to bring Hamilton's story to these preparatory school students. We do not favor Big Nine coaches or Big Nine teams BUT WE DO WANT TO WIN IN OUR OWN LEAGUE!

Granted that I did not write out "full time field representative" in paragraph 2 of my article in the November 19

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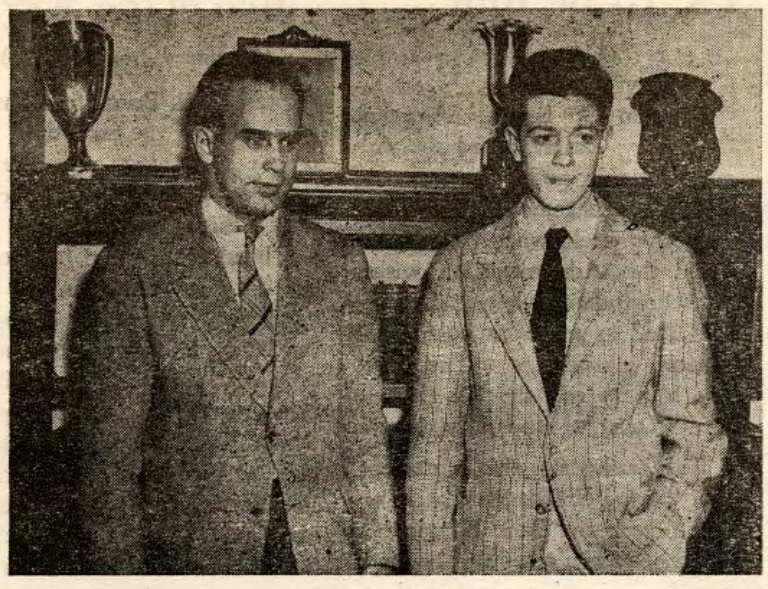

D. Gingras, R. Burns

Men of the Week

The swimming team opens its season against Union here, tomorrow afternoon at 3:00, and on January 8, the hockey season begins with the Blue facing St. Lawrence on the Sage Rink. The captains of these two teams, Donald C. Gingras and Richard C. Burns, because of both their ability and positions in their respective sports, are deserving of recognition.

A graduate of Lowell High School in Lowell, Massachusetts, and a veteran of six years in the army, Junior Donald Gingras hopes to coach swimming after graduation from Hamilton. While earning his college letter last year, he broke the college record in the breaststroke, splashing the distance in 2:51.3.

Regarding the meet with Union, Captain Gingras stated that "Union has the edge in experience over our boys. They floated to a 52-23 win over Brooklyn Poly last week, but we'll certainly give them a tough match." As far as the season goes, Don hopes that the Blue mermen can better last year's record of 4 wins and 5 losses.

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Chapel Committee Proposes Projects For Coming Weeks

The Chapel Board, at a meeting on December 9, discussed plans for projects to be carried out before and after the Christmas recess. They announced that in place of the regular Chapel service on March 20, Norman Thomas will visit the college for an additional Convocation. Mr. Thomas is to appear instead of Professor Theodore Greene of Yale University who was originally scheduled to be here on that date.

Plans for projecting commissions for exploration in fields in which the College Congregation may be of service were discussed. To be included were the study of relationships of the Congregation with educational institutions in for ign countries and a social service commission to explore local, national, and international fields with additional investigation of local juvenile delinquency. Plans were also made for the Christmas Chapel Service.

Dean Wicks has expressed the hope that any students interested in entering the ministry will contact him personally.

The next meeting of the Board

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Belden Receives Continental Prize

The editors of the *Continental* drew up a plan early this semester, to s imulate creative writing on the Hill. After the publication of each issue a prize is to be awarded to that person who, in accordance with staff opinion, has submitted the most creative piece of writing. With the recent publication of the first issue of the *Continental*, it was announced that Robert D. Belden had been awarded a letter of commendation and a token-payment of five dollars for his *Variation on the Theme*, a short story.

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issue, nor did I categorize the alumni to whom I referred, I nevertheless fail to see on what basis Mr. Cameron labels me an "armchair journalist". Unfortunately this seems to be a case of misunderstanding so I hope that I have cleared myself sufficiently to remove from my column the stigma of "armchair journalism".

C. G. Scala

November 22,

Dear Editor:

I thought that you might be interested in the enclosed article and clipping.* As you may note, even though football is played on an amateur basis, something is done about interesting athletes in the schools concerned. Also, manpower is necessary at the small college as well as at "Mammouth U."

* * *

I liked the way you wrote up your editorial and tied the athletic policy in with the school as an educational institution. Hope that my resignation has some beneficial effects on the Hill.

Bud Svendsen

*—"Football's Biggest Bargain"
"Sports of the Times"

PX To Be Run By Outsiders

Norman G. Lewis, Assistant Controller, clearly stated the Administration's policy concerning student management of the PX early this week, when he said that while the Administration wishes to help students who are in financial need as much as possible, it is more inexpensive to hire outside help to run the PX than to turn it over to student managers.

Elaborating on this statement, Mr. Lewis pointed out that in order to keep the Back Room open at the necessary scheduled hours, it would require that many students be hired on a part-time basis, since no one student could be expected to handle a full-time job and continue to meet his academic requirements. He went on to say that there are times, such as Commencement, when the PX should be open, but when College is not in session. Because of the many problems involved in student management, the Back Room has been placed under the supervision of Mr. Morris, who will have outside help.

Men of the Week

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Captain Dick Burns feels that this year will be no exception. "Despite a very tough schedule we hope to win at least 75% of our games this year," he said. Dick has lived in Clinton, one of the great hockey towns in the country, all his life. After service in the Navy, he followed in the footsteps of the rest of the family and came up the Hill to College. A Senior, Dick is a Deke, as is Gingras, a member of Pentagon, and President of the Block H Club. Always a star on offense, he has won two letters in hockey. Last year he was one of five related Burnses on the squad.

"The game with St. Lawrence will be difficult because they will have had a month's more practice than we, but the real test of our skaters will come at the beginning of next semester when we play nine games in four weeks, six of them—Princeton, Clinton, Clarkson, Union, Colgate, Victoria, Middlebury, Army, and Clinton again—match games.

Everett Clarke Cont.

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Winter Carnival...

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Scanning the Field

by Bob Tillman

For those who had married themselves to the idea that Hamilton's 1948-49 cagers were going to be a small college duplicate of the Minneapolis Lakers, the honeymoon is over. It ended last Friday night in the quaint town of Middlebury, when the Panther courteers, licking the wounds of a twenty point defeat suffered at the hands of the Hillmen last year, clawed the Continentals and spoiled John Panatier's inaugural as Blue basketball mentor. As if this example of hardwood effrontery wasn't enough, Vermont carried on inhospitable tactics, the following evening in Burlington, drubbing the Hamiltonians in a manner that left little room for argument. The Catamounts slammed the door in the initial two minutes of the milling, sending twelve markers whizzing through the worsted before the visiting firemen came out of the arms of Morpheus and started to get tough themselves.

All this nasty business calls of course, for some sort of an explanation from this department, and particularly this scribe, who had voiced the opinion mentioned above for some two or three weeks preceding the beginning of the current campaign. One big trouble seemed to be that the Blue basketeers were as nervous as a small boy about to recite The Night Before Christmas *before a group of lantern-jawed spinsters. Another difficulty was that this quintet is quite different from last winter's in the matter of personnel, and that only two or three of the entire squad had tasted combat together before last week. Add to all this the fact that John Panatier is just beginning his reign as Hamilton court potentate, and that almost half the squad is made up of freshmen, and you have an alibi that would do Al Capone justice.*

Having had their scalps lifted twice, the Hillmen will be in a rather hard-boiled frame of mind when Hobart comes to town tonight to give them their third test of the young season, and the first one in their own lair. The Statesmen haven't been breaking any records this year either, and if ye olde dope bucket isn't booted too far into the atmosphere this evening, they should wend their way back to Geneva with another loss added to their skein. After this engagement is history, Wagner moves in for a tussle on Monday. This, unfortunately, will probably be a dobbin of another daub. The Seahawks are currently flying high, and it will require some classy cage wares on the part of the locals to set them back.

Another Hamilton aggregation pries the lid tomorrow afternoon, when Pete Dugan's natators face off against Union in the Alumni Gym tank. This is also a new team with a new coach, but the Hill mermen are hopeful of getting off to a more auspicious start than their court brethren.

W. Haggerty, R. V. Brown, R. Bloomer

Fall Squads Elect Able Men To Lead Next Year's Teams

Several weeks ago, three outstanding contributors to athletics at Hamilton became captains of next Fall's athletic teams. Robert Bloomer and Walter Haggerty were elected co-captains of the soccer team, and Robert V. Brown was chosen to lead the football squad. The three juniors were elected by the members of their respective teams shortly after the close of the Fall athletic season.

Bob Bloomer is from Newark, New York, where he attended Newark High School. Shortly after graduation, he found himself in the army, in which he was first assigned to cadre duty, and later to the Army Specialized Training Program. Under the A. S. T. P. he studied engineering and related subjects at North Carolina State College, N. Y. U., and Hamilton. After his discharge, Bob returned to Hamilton to prepare for business. The 1947 season was Bob's first on the soccer field, and although he didn't play often that year, he learned the fundamentals of the game and gained the introductory experience that made him a sharp, fast left wing of this year's team.

On the other side of the field, Walt Haggerty capably handled the right wing position. "Punchy" has been playing soccer here for three years, and has developed the steady ability of an experienced soccer player. He lives in Caldwell, New Jersey, and while in high school there played basketball and football, and was a member of the Student Council. During the war "Punchy" served with the Army for twenty-two months and was stationed for a time in Calcutta.

Robert V. Brown, "Brownie" to his fans, is from Auburn, New York. He attended Auburn East High School where he played football and was active in dramatics. After high school, Bob entered the Army and served with the Infantry in the European Theatre. Here at Hamilton, however, "Brownie" is majoring in economics and political science. He has been playing football with the Continentals for three years and has annually displayed the stamina and drive which qualify him for the job of captain of next year's squad.

Hill Five Meets Hobart Tonight; Wagner Monday

Panatiermen Lose 2 Last Weekend

The Hamilton College cagers, following successive defeats at the hands of Middlebury and Vermont last weekend, will attempt to even their record during the next four days by playing host to Hobart tonight and to Wagner Monday night.

Both contests are scheduled to begin at 8:30 P. M. in the Alumni Gym.

The Hobart five will have no more than an "experience edge" on the Hillmen. Although the Statesmen already have four games under their belt since the beginning of their campaign, they show a none-too-impressive record. In their initial encounter they posted a 60-50 victory over Oswego State Teachers but then came out on the short end of 54-36 count against Buffalo. Following a thrilling overtime win at the expense of Brockport State, the Statesmen found the Lemoyne quintet from Syracuse a bit too tough and dropped a 50-37 decision.

The Wagner five opened its season in winning form by posting successive triumphs over Drew, 55-21, and Western Maryland, 53-37. Last season, a good Seahawk five beat the Hillmen 53-37.

At Middlebury, a week ago, a "green" Continental quintet failed to overcome an eight-point deficit despite Bill Tank's 21 points and succumbed to the host five by a 58-52 margin. The charges of Coach John Panatier failed to toss up enough shots to match the Middlebury array during the first half and at intermission were on the short end of a 23-15 score. The loss of starting forward, Rog Wood , in the first six minutes of the game because of a cut near his eye, hurt the Blue's chances. Wood, a rangy front court performer, was a good scorer and rebound man, hitting for four points in his brief stay on the floor.

The Continentals forged back in the second half and ended up by outscoring their opponents from the field, but the aggressive Hillmen, eager to post their initial win, committed 28 fouls to 19

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Swimmers to Face Union Tomorrow

The Hamilton College swimming team will enter their first intercollegiate meet of the '48-'49 season tomorrow afternoon when they meet a strong Union team in the Alumni Pool at 3:00 P. M.

Union will come to the Hill with one of the most powerful teams in their history. In a meet held against Brooklyn Poly last week, the Garnet broke three school records.

The tentative starting lineup for the meet will be Smith, Gingras, and Grimley in the 300 yard medley relay; Campbell and Wood in the 220 yard swim; Tomlinson and Ferris in the 50 yard sprint; MacInnes and Harry Babcock in the diving events; Howell and Rice in the backstroke; Gingras and Dave Dickinson in the breaststroke; and Hank Pope and Wood in the 440 yard swim. Four out of the following seven men will compose the 440 yard relay team: Campbell, Ferris, Gingras, Gregory, Grimley, Stone, Tomlinson.

The outstanding frosh appears to be Bruce Campbell, lanky sprinter who in practice has shown exceptional speed. Campbell was co-captain of the Randolph-Macon Academy swimming team last year and a consistent point-getter for them. Other frosh who have shown up well both in practice and in inter-squad meets are Chick Rice in the backstroke event, Pete Wood in the 220 and 440, Dick Tomlinson in the 100 yard event, and Harry Ferris in the 50 yard sprint.

Prizes . . . Cont'd

Freshmen, Preparations for Arctic Warfare; Public Opinion Polls, 1936 and 1948

Kirkland Prize Oration

St. Paul's View of the Nature of the Church

Fruyn Prize Oration

The Political Duties of Educated Young Men in America and in Soviet Russia

Soper Prize Thesis

The Control of Agricultural Surpluses from 1920 to 1948

Chapel Board Cont.

is scheduled for January 6, when nominations will be submitted for a new Chairman to replace Frank Fry.

Basketball . . . Cont'd

for the winners.

At Burlington, the next night, Vermont crushed the Panatier-coached quintet, 66-40, after a 12-point splurge in the first two minutes of action gave the Catamonts a comfortable working margin. The smooth-working Vermonters, playing their third year together, shot to a commanding 12-2 lead in the first two minutes of play and kept the pressure on until late in the game to post an impressive win.

The Hamilton five will probably open against Hobart tonight with the same starting lineup if Wood can return to action. This would see Wood and Clint Emery up front, Tank in the bucket, and Captain Mackay and Don Thomas at the guard posts. However, Don Huffmire, by virtue of his fine work last weekend, could easily move into the starting five.

The Hamilton Jayvee team opens their season against the Hobart J. V. tonight at 7:00 P. M. They will also play the preliminary Monday night — against the Utica School of Commerce. J. V. Coach Bud Svendsen is expected to use Charlie Farber and either John Schwarz or Bill Meservey as forwards with Jim Brown at center. John Rushmore and either Carl Menges or Jack Banks will handle the backcourt slots.

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